

City of San Antonio Teen Court Day

September 22, 2004

Frank Wing Municipal Courts 401 S. Frio St., Jury Room

When:

*4:30 p.m.—Reception
(light refreshment)*

*5:00 p.m.—Introduction of
Teen Court Program*

5:30 p.m.—Mock Trial

*Invited guests will
include City council
members, COSA
Department of
Community Initiatives
personnel, School
Officials, St. Mary's
University School of Law,
Center for Legal and
Social Justice,
community organizations
and the public.*

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The theme for the 3rd Annual National Youth Court Center Month is “Serving Communities—Changing Lives.” Youth Court, also called teen court, peer court, or student court, provides youth involved in 940 courts in 48 states and the District of Columbia with a voice and an active role in addressing local problems through volunteer service in their communities. Youth who have committed minor offenses (Class C misdemeanors) are offered a cost-effective alternative to the traditional juvenile justice and school disciplinary systems. Youth or Teen Courts are youth-driven and youth-led. The City of San Antonio Teen Court volunteers receive 16 hours of training through St. Mary’s University School of Law and become participatory members. They serve as teen judges, prosecutors, defense attorney, bailiffs and jurors. To date, 60 youth have been trained to serve in the above roles and over 200 defendants have been seen by the City’s Teen Court since its inception in August 2002.

